

KANSAS ANIMAL HEALTH NEWS

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REGIONAL VET MEETINGS



The Movement of Animal Disease Traceability: The Tags, The Technology, The Support

December 9 – Franklin Co. Fairgrounds (17th and Elm Street, Ottawa)






December 10 – Kansas Dept of Agriculture (1320 Research Park Dr, Manhattan)

All accredited veterinarians and clinic staff are encouraged to attend. Starting at 7:00 p.m. & ending at 9:00 p.m. with light refreshments provided. FREE to attend.

RSVP by **December 5** to Karaline Mayer, ADT Coordinator, at 785-564-6606 or karaline.mayer@ks.gov.

These events begin a series of meetings to be held across the state through the winter months of 2019-2020. Unable to attend this meeting? Watch for marketing of future meetings through your email!

2019 FAD INVESTIGATIONS (OCTOBER 1, 2018—SEPTEMBER 30, 2019)

Disease of Concern	Species	Number of Investigations	Diagnostic Laboratory Result
Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD), Vesicular Stomatitis Virus (VSV)		6	Negative
Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD), Bluetongue		2	Negative
VSV		9	Negative
Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), Exotic Newcastle Disease (END)		4	Negative
FMD, African Swine Fever (ASF), Classical Swine Fever (CSF)		1	Negative

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KANSAS ADDED TO THE 2019 VESICULAR STOMATITIS ROSTER

The Kansas Department of Agriculture announced that vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) was confirmed in horses in Sherman County on October 23, 2019. Kansas became the eighth state in the U.S. to have confirmed cases of VSV this year.

VSV is considered a reportable disease in Kansas. Any person who suspects their animals may have VSV should contact their local veterinarian or state animal health official.

When VSV was confirmed in neighboring states this summer, KDA implemented increased importation requirements from the affected regions to help prevent the spread of VSV into Kansas.

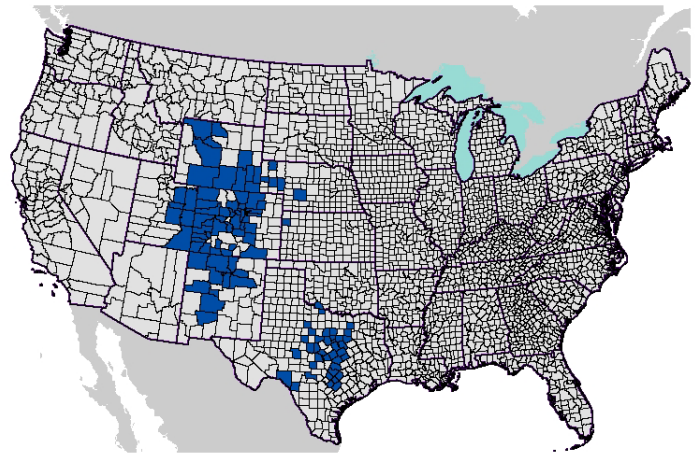
Because of the confirmed case in Kansas, other states increased restrictions on livestock imports. Animal health officials strongly encourage all livestock owners and veterinarians to call the animal health authority in the destination state for the most current import requirements prior to travel.

For more information about VSV, including documents outlining symptoms, fly control practices, and current situation reports, please visit the KDA website at www.agriculture.ks.gov/VSV. If you have specific questions or are seeing suspicious lesions on your animals, please contact the KDA Division of Animal Health at 785-564-6601.



Know the Facts:

- 8** States confirmed VSV-positive premises: Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Wyoming
- 111** Counties in the U.S. with 2019 VSV-affected premises in 2019
- 1,144** VSV-affected premises identified (471 confirmed positive, 671 suspect)
- Jun 21** First VSV-positive premises in Texas begins 2019 VSV outbreak
- Oct 23** Kansas' VSV Index Case Confirmed
- Nov 4** Kansas releases quarantine on Sherman County premises



Counties with premises quarantined for VSV since June 21, 2019, shaded in blue. *USDA VSV Situation Report 11/7/2019*

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USDA-APHIS TO REVISIT ADT GUIDELINES

In a recent statement, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) notified state animal health officials that its guidelines and goals related to Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) as published in an April 2019 factsheet will be revisited. The factsheet was removed from the USDA website, no longer representing current agency policy.

USDA's ADT goals remain intact:

- Encourage the use of electronic identification for animals moving interstate under the current ADT regulation.
- Enhance electronic sharing of basic ADT data.
- Enhance the ability to track animals from birth to slaughter.
- Increase the use of electronic health certificates.

In April, USDA planned to discontinue free metal tag distribution effective December 31, 2019. This deadline has been removed and metal tag distribution will continue. In addition, USDA-APHIS will offer financial incentives for those choosing to use radio frequency identification devices (RFID) for official animal identification (start date TBD).

There are no changes to the ADT regulations dictating types of cattle requiring official identification for interstate commerce:

- Sexually intact beef animals over 18 months of age
- Cattle used for exhibition, rodeo, and recreational events
- All dairy cattle.

The Kansas Division of Animal Health will provide additional information on the availability of new RFID tags available at a reduced rate when feasible. KDAH encourages veterinarians and producers to use RFID tags. Contact the office for information on tags and data collection options.

To access the USDA-APHIS ADT webpage, visit: <https://>

FMD EXERCISE SET FOR DECEMBER

The Kansas Department of Agriculture will lead an emergency preparedness exercise named Fortify on Dec. 16–18, 2019, in Manhattan, Kansas, to practice the state's response plan to a foreign animal disease event.

The three-day functional exercise, which will be based out of KDA headquarters in Manhattan, will enable KDA and its partners in other state agencies, federal and local government, industry, university and other states to practice the state's foreign animal disease response plan. The Fortify exercise will be based on a fictional scenario involving the confirmation of foot-and-mouth disease in the United States.

Foot-and-mouth disease was last identified in the United States in 1929. FMD is a highly contagious disease of cattle, sheep, swine, goats, deer and other cloven-hooved animals. It is not a human food safety concern nor a public health threat. It is a primary concern for animal health officials because it could have potentially devastating economic consequences due to disrupted trade and lost investor confidence.

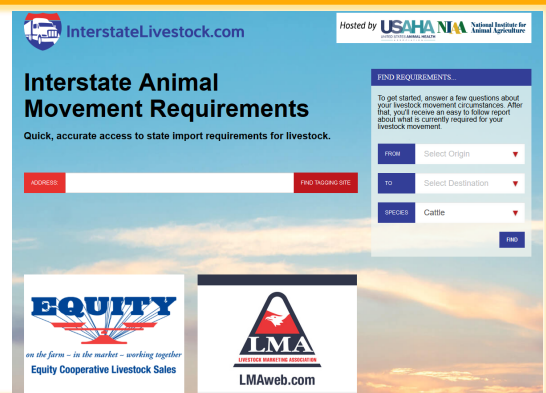
The exercise has been funded with a grant provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

If you have any questions or would like to attend the exercise, please contact Kelly Oliver at Kelly.Oliver@KS.gov.



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ASF MULTI-STATE DRILL HELD

Article provided by the Kansas Pork Association

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) led a series of functional exercises and drills Sept. 23 to Sept. 26 to help participants better understand what would happen if a foreign animal disease (FAD), such as African swine fever (ASF), was confirmed in the United States. Kansas Pork Association (KPA) staff and board members participated, along with swine veterinarians, pig farmers, state and local government officials, law enforcement officers, pork packers and other swine industry personnel. Kansas was one of 14 states that participated.

This exercise, which was part of APHIS's ASF preparedness efforts, was designed to determine how a real-world ASF response would be handled and what steps would be taken to help mitigate its spread and overall negative effects.

The general focus of each day's simulation was:

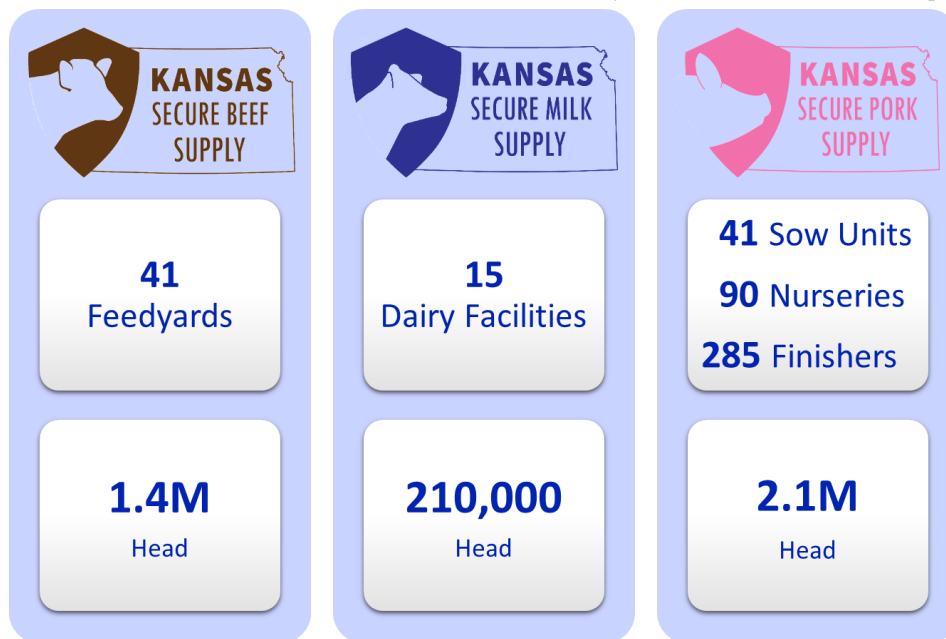
- Day 1** Conduct a FAD investigation and coordinate/engage the National Veterinary Services Laboratory's Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory and the appropriate laboratories in the National Animal Health Laboratory Network.
- Day 2** Respond to and support state, regional or national movement standstill depending on swine populations that were infected.
- Day 3** Implement the planning and resource coordination associated with depopulating and disposing of infected and exposed swine.
- Day 4** Implement a system to allow continuity of business for non-infected operations within a control area.

SECURE FOOD SUPPLY

☑ Kansans' interest in Secure Food Supply plans continues to grow. Completed plans become a voluntary tool for producers to be implemented when moving animals or milk from uninfected premises during a foot-and-mouth disease outbreak in North America. Following the protocols in place, these movements will help to sustain the economic viability of the Kansas livestock and dairy industries during an outbreak. To learn more or begin your planning, contact Emily Voris at Emily.Voris@ks.gov or 785-210-7741.

☑ In February, Kansas Division of Animal Health (KDAH) will participate in a multi-state Secure Beef Supply meeting in Colorado. Participants will work with industry stakeholders and other partners to promote the development and acceptance of plans across the nation.

☑ KDAH teaches a Secure Food Supply course at Kansas State University each spring. The class focuses on plan production, education on relevant diseases/disease response, and biosecurity across all levels of livestock production.



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BRUCELLOSIS VACCINATION SPREADSHEET

For veterinarians interested in logging brucellosis vaccinations electronically, an Excel form is available. Contact Karaline Mayer, ADT Coordinator (Karaline.mayer@ks.gov, 785-564-6606). If you are interested in electronically logging other data bound for the Kansas Division of Animal Health (KDAH), spreadsheets may be customized to meet needs of the veterinarian, producer, and KDAH.

KDAH WELCOMES NEW TEAM MEMBERS!



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